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Mike Sweeney hits a Home Run at Wordnet



Batter up!

Catholic family of eight children, Mike was drafted by the Kansas City Royals at the age of 17 and left his home and family in California to begin his career as a rookie baseball player in Florida. Mike explained that although it was at times a lonely existence he never took his mind off the ball of faith which guided his life then and ever since.

In due course, Mike met the love of his life, Shara, and together they have raised a family of four children.

Mike, now retired, and Shara have established the Mike and Shara Sweeney Family foundation, which includes a Catholic Baseball camp where faith and support come together. The three themes for the camp are **love, family and youth**. Check out the site at www.mikesweeney.org And keep an eye out for this great interview at www.wordnet.tv

Mike Sweeney, voted not only “the Marvin Miller Man of the Year” but “the Royals Man of the Year,” too, visited the studio and sat for an interview with Father Mike.

Mike Sweeney shared his baseball career experiences as well as his journey of faith which accompanied him and his wife Shara every step of the way. This remarkable player holds the remarkable statistics of a batting average of .297 and 215 Home Runs in addition to receiving the Hutch Award. Mike finished his career with the Philly’s as first basemen with a batting .322 average, and 20 home runs, 102 RBIs. He notes with justifiable pride that in his career he made the All Star Team in 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2005. The oldest boy in a



Two Mikes:
Sweeney and Manning

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THE CROSSES (aka "Gifts") WE SHARE

Francisca Delao visited the studio with her remarkable piece of art. It consists of a Cross incorporating our (smaller) crosses in the whole.

Frances explains:

Art is in some way an individual's perception of the human condition. I began the work of the artist—to stretch the mind to proclaim Jesus Christ Crucified and the power of His Resurrection. The intricate nature of this work offers an imposing invitation to ponder the true meaning of cross and resurrection and the nature of spirit in our lives. I have chosen symbols of wood, texture, color, twine, and use of light and dark. My attempt is to bring the idea of life and death, cross and resurrection as inseparable. Whether it be aborted babies who, like twigs are small, abandoned and discarded; they are symbolized with a bundle of twigs. Likewise "the young" are seen as long slender branches depicting tenderness of youth who grow "like weeds." The old and feeble are represented with aged and small, fragile pieces of wood. The disabled, forsaken, and forgotten are represented along with religious sacraments and themes such as the widow and orphan, Mary and women at the cross, souls in Purgatory, apostles, martyrs, soldiers have been



depicted with variations of colored twine and wood. White ribbons wrap around the crossbeams to stimulate the light of the Resurrection as "gift." If there is hope for the hopeless, then the symbol of Judas, apostle of betrayal, as a single branch without arms outstretched offers hope for the isolated for which Christ died as well. Finally and most profoundly, cross and resurrection are brought to the present moment with a single white thread entangling itself in and throughout the crosses as the Spirit of Christ, our gift, who is able to transform our hearts and our lives. This remarkable piece of art reflects

our prayer basket, overflowing with Crosses. Thank you Francisca, for sharing with us. ☺

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